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SUBJECT:VOTING IN MULTILATERAL ORGANIZATIONS.

1. RECENT EVENTS AT THE UNGA (E.G. KOREA, ZIONISM ISSUES) ARE SPURRING HIGH LEVEL DEPARTMENT INTEREST IN HOW TO FURTHER USG OBJECTIVES IN INTERNATIONAL FORUMS.

2. WE RAISED THIS SUBJECT IN OUR WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS CABLE (STATE 255900, PARA 8) AND WANT AGAIN TO REMIND ALL ARA POSTS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING ABREAST OF HOST COUNTRY ACTIVITIES - NOT ONLY IN THE UNGA BUT IN THE WHOLE MULTILATERAL AREA.

3. WE ASSUME THAT MOST ARA POSTS HAVE AN OFFICER DESIGNATED FOR UN AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES. (SEE II FAM 122). POSTS WHICH HAVE NOT DESIGNATED SUCH AN OFFICER SHOULD DO SO IMMEDIATELY AND ALL POSTS SHOULD
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SUBMIT THE OFFICER'S NAME AND GRADE TELEGRAPHICALLY.

4.OUR OBJECTIVE IS TO KEEP THE ARA AND IO BUREAUS CLEARLY INFORMED AND ALERTED ON A YEAR-ROUND BASIS. THE EMBASSY'S IO OFFICER SHOULD MAINTAIN REGULAR CONTACTS WITH HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND SEEK TO PROVIDE US WITH AS MUCH

WARNING TIME AS POSSIBLE ON MULTILATERAL ISSUES WHERE HIS HOST GOVERNMENT'S POSITION MAY BE TROUBLESOME. WE WELCOME SUGGESTIONS FROM POSTS ABOUT HOW TO MANAGE THIS WATCHING/CONSULTING TASK. MANY ISSUES WILL NECESSITATE CLOSE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN SECTIONS OF THE EMBASSY. AND ALL SECTIONS SHOULD BE ALERTED TO LOOK FOR SITUATIONS IN THE MULTILATERAL AREA WHERE THE USG MAY BE CAUGHT OFF GUARD OR A HOST COUNTRY DELEGATE MAY VOTE CONTRARY TO A MAJOR USG INTEREST, PERHAPS WITHOUT EVEN REALIZING THE DEGREE OF U.S. CONCERN.

5.THESE ISSUES SHOULD BE DISCUSSED WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS, USING, FOR EXAMPLE, ADVANCE IO CIRCULAR MATERIAL, BEFORE THE HOST GOVERNMENT'S POSITIONS HAVE JELLED. HOPEFULLY, IN THIS WAY OUR OWN VIEWS ON THE ISSUE CAN BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT AND DIVERGENT POSITIONS IDENTIFIED EARLY ENOUGH SO THAT WE CAN TAKE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED CORRECTIVE ACTION WITHOUT THE OBVIOUS DRAWBACKS INHERENT IN A CRASH PRESSURE CAMPAIGN AT THE ELEVENTH HOUR.

6.KEEPING IN TOUCH THROUGH SPECIALLY DESIGNATED UN OFFICER WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS WILL NOT, OF COURSE, PRECLUDE SPECIAL INITIATIVES BY OTHER EMBASSY OFFICERS ON SPECIFIC ISSUES. WE WILL BE SENDING MORE GUIDANCE ON THIS WHOLE SUBJECT FOR WHICH WE SEE INCREASING INTEREST IN THE PERIOD AHEAD. KISSINGER

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